

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3700



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Toshio SHIMIZU et al.

Application No.: 10/522,178

Filed: January 24, 2005

For: STAPLER AND CARTRIDGE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Randolph Building  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

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Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: B. Nash

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST  
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, the period of response to which extends through October 30, 2006, because October 28, 2006 falls on a Saturday, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.